GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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CROPS DESTROYED BY PESTS
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has got any estimate or data regarding the number of crops destroyed or adversely affected by various kinds of pests in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the crops of soyabean and coriander are being destroyed or damaged by various kinds of pests;

(d) if so, whether the Government proposes to set up any special disease treatment centre or special crops clinic for treatment of diseases affecting various crops including soyabean, coriander etc.; and

(e) if so, the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (c): Regular pest surveillance and monitoring programmes are undertaken by 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) located in 28 States and one UT of Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine & Storage, an attached office of Government of India. During the year 2014-15 pest and disease situation remained normal i.e. below Economic Threshold Level in almost all the states of the country. However, Stem gall disease of coriander crop appeared in low to moderate intensity in Rajasthan's isolated fields in an area of 22,210 hectare in Haroti region which was managed by farmers by adopting various Integrated Pest Management techniques. The crop of soybean was also found affected with various insect pests and disease but the pest attack was below Economic Threshold Level.

(d) & (e): There is no proposal for setting up special crop clinics by Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage, Faridabad for treatment of diseases affecting various crops including soybean, coriander etc. However pest monitoring and issuance of pest advisories are regularly carried out by CIPMCs, State Agriculture Universities, ICAR and its Institutes and State Department of Agriculture.